



WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 30, 1903.

There is just anxiety among the Hebrew race concerning the likelihood of another Kisheneff massacre, and Jews living in this and other countries are imploring the officials to take some action which will tend to avert a repetition of the scenes during the early part of the present year. There is an indisposition upon the part of most nations to take any decisive measures lest they offend Russia. The Israelites can only appeal to certain civilized countries for permission to live, as it is a well-known fact that others, not more than half-civilized, would rather see a massacre of the Semites than take steps to prevent such a horror. The fact that there are still people in the world who are animated by the spirit of Haman is a sad commentary upon the twentieth century with all its boasts. While Russia occasionally reminds other countries that it can attend to its own internal affairs, Israelites within the bounds of this colony was of the north are kept in a terrible state of suspense. There has at certain critical times in the history of the Hebrew race been means of deliverance afforded from unexpected sources. A divine providence saved the nation from extinction when it incurred the wrath of Ahasuerus's prime minister, and while the name of God never occurs in Esther, the book portrays a train of incidents which are put in motion which result in the Amalekite unconsciously digging his own grave and falling into it. The great countries of the world may not attempt to prevent the threatened massacre, but deliverance may come again from some unexpected quarter.

The seventeenth annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission for the last fiscal year shows that railroads of the country earned \$1,890,150,679, or \$9,382 a mile. Operating expenses aggregate \$1,248,520,483, or \$6,197 per mile, leaving net earnings of \$641,639,196, or \$3,185 per mile. Compared with the previous year the net earnings are greater by some thirty-four million, and stock dividends are greater by nearly ten millions, which should be sufficient in all conscience. In the year ending June 30, 1903, the number of passengers killed in train accidents was 164, and of injured 4,424; of employees killed, 295; injured, 6,440. Casualties from other causes added to these make totals of 321 passengers and 3,233 employees killed, and 6,973 passengers and 39,004 employees injured—a considerable increase over the previous year. The most prominent fact in the year's record of train accidents is the appalling loss of life and property in collisions. Since June 30 there have been many terrible railroad collisions accompanied by great loss of life, so that the next report will, in all probability, show a still further increase, which seems strange when it is taken into consideration that new appliances and devices are constantly being introduced to minimize railroad accidents. The only explanation is the growing carelessness of the men in charge of railroad trains.

MR. WILLIAMS, leader of the democratic party in the House, in a recent interview published in the New York Herald said:

Revision of the tariff, at least in so far as it shelters the great trusts; larger powers to the Interstate Commerce Commission to deal with transportation rates; colonialism, as recently inaugurated by this government; corruption in office; recklessness in our dealings with other nations; these, in my opinion, will be the great issues of the national campaign of 1904, to be forced to the front by the democratic party. And on them the democracy, united and harmonious, will be willing to rest its claim to power. Others may develop as the present session of Congress progresses, but these will be the main questions to be decided.

This is a strong platform and one on which the democratic party can win with the proper man at the head of the ticket.

There are still rumors of approaching war in the Far East, and from present indications sanguinary scenes in that part of the globe cannot be long deferred. It is said in Washington that this country is in a position to remain strictly neutral when the inevitable conflict between Russia and Japan shall have been precipitated, and that while it rages the United States will, in a commercial sense, enjoy great advantages. It is hoped this country will always preserve strict neutrality in the frictions among other nations. At present the United States is about all it can manage at home and in the countries it has recently annexed.

As anticipated, no quorum appeared in either branch of the legislature yesterday and it is apparent that that body will drag its slow length along and its members draw four dollars a day for doing nothing until the 12th proximo when the time limit will be reached. When the legislature recessed on the 23d until the 29th instant it was as well known by the members as it was to others that their action was but a trick to secure

their per diem, and the majority of the body appears to act on the principal that the securing of all the money they can draw from the State is the chief duty of a legislator.

COMPLAINT is made in republican circles that President Roosevelt is betraying a great want of tact in publicly searching for a chairman and secretary of the next republican national committee without waiting for his nomination. "But since when," as the Philadelphia Record aptly asks, "have the republican leaders looked for a display of discretion and tact on the part of the accidental tenant of the White House?"

HAVING realized a large sum of money from the advance in prices made a short time before Christmas, the Standard Oil Company made a reduction of five cents a barrel in the price of high grade petroleum yesterday and also a cut of two cents in the inferior grades.

THERE is but one more day of the year 1903. At twelve o'clock tomorrow night it will have run its course and been numbered with the past. While not a memorable year, it will nevertheless afford a chapter of average interest to people of future days.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Dec. 30.

Minister Bunua-Varilla, after visiting acting Secretary of State Loomis this morning, explained the action of the Panama canal company, in rejecting the vote of Colombia at the last meeting, in Paris, held recently. He said the stock in question, amounting to 5,000,000 francs, had been given to Colombia in return for an extension of the concession. The company, however, held that the stock was compensation for a consideration, and since Colombia was no longer the grantor of a concession the company held the transfer to be void. The company's position, he said, was strengthened by the fact that the ownership of the stock is now in litigation.

Simon Wolf, of this city, representing various Jewish societies, called on President Roosevelt this morning in regard to the alleged threatened massacre at Kisheneff. No details of the conference were given out, but it is known that nothing further will be done in the matter by the administration so long as a hypothetical case is made out. Reports from our consular and diplomatic agents in Russia are all to the effect that there have been no recent anti-semitic demonstrations, and there is no authentic information that fresh outrages are contemplated. It is the feeling of the administration that the Russian government is not blind to the situation and will take all proper care to prevent a renewal of Jewish persecutions.

There are so many conflicting reports concerning the chairmanship of the republican national committee, that a statement on the subject has been authorized from the White House. It is announced that President Roosevelt has altered the chairmanship to no one, for the good reason that it is not his to offer. He has assured Senator Hanna that he would be pleased to see him continue at the head of the committee, but Senator Hanna has not yet said what he will do. Especial emphasis is given to the denial that the place has been offered to Secretary of War Root to ex-Gov. Crane, of Massachusetts.

When General S. B. M. Young retires on January 9 next and General A. R. Claflee succeeds him as Lieutenant General, the President intends to promote a number of brigadier generals and immediately retire them as major generals. Through this process several colonels will in like manner be raised to the star grade and retired, and others will be promoted to remain on the active list.

Senator Burrows who is chairman of the Senate committee on privileges and elections, which is conducting the investigation of the charges against Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, says the committee probably would meet on Saturday, January 9, for the continuation of the inquiry.

By an executive proclamation issued last Monday the President directed the Department of Commerce and Labor to take over all public property of the former government of Hawaii ceded to the United States and used in connection with the lighthouse service in the island.

The President by executive order of December 29 also directed that the Department of Commerce and Labor take charge of the lighthouse and buoyage within the limits of the naval reservation at Guantanamo bay, Cuba.

Cards have been issued for the first White House reception of the season, which will be held on January 7, in compliment to the diplomatic corps. A "not transferable" entrance card is included in each invitation.

A cablegram from Rear Admiral Lambertson, commanding the south Atlantic squadron, dated Port of Spain, states that he has sent the Detroit to Santo Domingo, and the rest of his ships will go to join the north Atlantic fleet at Culebra today.

CRIMINAL ASSAULT.—A negro of bad reputation and about twenty one years of age, named Clifton Bryan, living near Airmont, Loudoun county, was lodged in jail in Leesburg on Sunday night. He is charged with having attempted to commit criminal assault on Mrs. Rebecca Roberts, an aged and respected lady, who, with her husband, James T. Roberts, owns a small country store about one mile from Bluemont. Mrs. Roberts is about sixty-five years of age, and the offense is alleged to have occurred at the store on the afternoon of December 25. The people of that section were greatly incensed when the crime became generally known.

CARNEGIE'S \$20,000 FOSSILS BURN.—Among the losses at Haugh & Keener warehouse fire in Pittsburgh, Pa., yesterday, are including the famous \$20,000 Bayot fossils, recently purchased in Belgium by Professor W. J. Holland for the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh. Whether the fossils are a total loss or not has not been ascertained as yet, but a large portion are known to have been consumed. The total loss by the fire is somewhere between \$200,000 and \$700,000, and firemen fought the flames for 12 hours.

Members of the crew of the fishing schooner Henrietta A. Martin yesterday afternoon picked up seven miles off Monks Light, the bodies of two fishermen of the unfortunate fishing schooner Ellen H. Jones, who were lost off Maryland, Mass., in the blizzard of Saturday. The bodies of the men lay across each other in the bottom of the dory, frozen stiff.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The new Panama canal company has excluded the representative of Colombia from participating in the meeting to be held in Paris today.

Rev. Dr. Greer's election as coadjutor to Bishop Potter, of New York, has been confirmed by the bishops and his consecration will probably take place next month.

It is reported in Meridian, Miss., that Miss Ethel Revell, of Birmingham, Ala., who is said to be an heiress to a large fortune, has disappeared, and relatives are anxious about her.

The residence of Dr. C. J. Waters, known as the Claggett mansion, on Brightwood avenue, near the District of Columbia line, was burned to the ground about 12 o'clock yesterday. The loss was 10,000, partially insured.

At Newport, R. I., yesterday, Mrs. Daniel G. Slocum announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Mabel Goud Slocum, a comic opera singer, to Mr. Harold Dean Stickey, a young man of wealth and high social standing, of New York.

It was reported that five western railroads are to be consolidated by Harriman, Gates, [Hawley and others. The trunk line will consist of the Kansas City Southern, the Chicago and Alton, the Iowa Central, the Clover Leaf and the Minneapolis and St. Louis.

Col. W. F. Cody, known as "Buffalo Bill," has purchased the Natchez Salubrious estate in the Wild West Show from the Salisbury estate, and has formed a partnership in that show with J. A. Bailey, owner of the Barnum & Bailey Circus, under the firm name of Cody & Bailey.

The President and his cabinet yesterday discussed the Panama situation at length. On account of the illness of Secretary Hay the negotiations with General Reyes, the Colombian commissioner, will be conducted by Secretary Root. The answer to General Reyes may be read tomorrow.

It is generally understood that the old clerks and sergeant-at-arms and doorkeepers of the legislature will be re-elected. Arthur O'Sullivan, the one-legged Confederate veteran who has been doorkeeper of the House for 35 years, is ill at his home, in Montgomery county, and may never be able to fill the position again, but his delegation will present his name to the caucus and he will not likely have opposition.

## HANLON VANQUISHED.

A merciful referee probably saved Eddie Hanlon from being killed by "Young Corbett" in San Francisco last night when he stopped their contest in the middle of the sixteenth round. For two rounds previous Referee Grane had begged Hanlon's seconds to take their man out of the ring, but they kept the game youngster at it, and finally Grane, fearing that fatality might result, ordered the fight stopped. No man ever received such terrific punishment in a San Francisco ring, and probably "Young Corbett" is the only man in the country who could administer such a beating to Hanlon.

When the San Francisco boy was carried to his corner still conscious, but unable to walk, his seconds worked vigorously to revive him. The terribly beaten lad, however, commenced to vomit blood, and things looked very serious for him for a short time. He was finally revived, and was carried from the ring by one of his seconds. Before he left "Young Corbett" paid a high tribute to his skill and gameness, and saluted his brother prizefighter with an affectionate kiss. It must be said for Corbett that he was as merciful under the circumstances as he could be. During the fourteenth and fifteenth rounds he, too, was anxious to have the fight stopped in order to save Hanlon needless punishment.

The fight last night demonstrated that Corbett is any man's superior at his weight. At no time during the contest was he in any apparent danger, and when it ended there was not a mark upon him. Hanlon's most peculiar and very effective defense was all that saved him from a knockout early in the game. Even when he became tired and could not protect himself, Corbett could not land a knockout blow. In the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds Corbett began to show what he could do. The men were allowed to fight in clinches, and Corbett, leaning his head against Hanlon's shoulder and with his arms free, would punch Hanlon in the stomach with his right and swing fierce short lefts on his jaw. That was the beginning of the end.

VIEWS UNCHANGED.—As has been stated, Mr. William J. Bryan has returned to London from The Hague. He will sail for New York, December 30. Mr. Bryan said last night that he had found his European trip extremely interesting and instructive. Asked whether his study of the financial conditions abroad had resulted in any change in his views on the silver question, he replied, "Not the slightest." Mr. Bryan regretted that lack of time had prevented him from making a more extensive investigation of the social and industrial conditions which obtained in the countries through which he had passed. He had been received everywhere with the greatest courtesy, he said, and every facility had been extended him for investigation along these lines. Asked concerning the possibilities of the democratic nomination for the presidency, Mr. Bryan said that he was compelled to decline to discuss that matter in any way, because of the possible misinterpretation to which his views might be subjected in the United States.

ROBBERY AT WEST POINT.—J. L. Garrett, a West Point Va., policeman, was held up by three masked burglars in that town Monday night. His hands were tied; he was gagged and made to witness the cracking and robbing of the postoffice safe. The men first approached and asked Garrett whether he was the night watchman. He replied that he was, and immediately three revolvers were poked into his face. The men carried him into the postoffice; sat him in a chair, and while gagged and bound he saw them knock off the combination, insert nitroglycerin and blow off the door. They were not over 15 minutes committing the robbery, and the policeman thinks from the bundles of money they secured from registered packages they must have gotten several thousand dollars. He says two of the men were white and the other was colored. The burglars stole \$2,100 in bonds, besides a considerable amount of money. The men escaped, and the policeman was found bound and gagged on the floor next morning.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

The main office of the Pocahontas Coal and Coke Company will be removed from Philadelphia to Roanoke.

The report that the Jefferson hotel in Richmond will be restored to its former magnificent proportions, and may be enlarged, is denied.

Mr. Edgar Hamilton, aged 51 years, son of the late Charles E. Paxson, of Waterford, Loudoun county, died in Baltimore yesterday.

Capt. S. M. Tomlinson, of Middlesex county, and Miss Nora E. Warren, formerly of London, England, were married a few days ago at the residence of J. C. Black, in Middlesex county.

Mr. Steven P. Kerr, of Pittsburg, formerly of Staunton, has purchased a tract of 1,253 acres on the summit of the Blue Ridge Mountains near Bluemont, Loudoun county. He will erect thereon a handsome summer home at a cost of \$20,000.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, this week report the grant of the following patents to residents of this State: John C. Johnson, of Churchwood, for a railroad level and gauge; Chas. E. Roth, of Richmond, for a combined lifting jack and propelling means therefor; David F. Earnest, of West Norfolk, for a brake; James A. Brown, of Pocahontas, for a holder for miners' lamps; William E. Hartman, of Norfolk, for a gas retort; and Andrew M. Myers, of Roanoke, for a car truck and bolster.

The general creditors of the McNally Oil Manufacturing Company of Norfolk, which failed sometime ago for over \$55,000, will get nothing, while the Citizens' Bank of Norfolk, which held secured claims for \$36,232.96, will get only \$22,304.37 of the \$27,000 for which the McNally plant was sold. This is a per cent of 81 1/2 on the whole claim. The Citizens' Bank, however, purchased the McNally plant when it was sold under the hammer, and in this way, it is believed, suffered no loss as a result of the McNally Company's failure.

Henry V. Turner, a prominent farmer of King George county, died at the Mary Washington Hospital, in Fredericksburg, yesterday, of pneumonia, after an illness of a week, aged 61 years. Mr. Turner was born in King George, and was a member of a family that has been identified with the county for the past hundred years. He was a gentleman of cultivated tastes, genial disposition, possessed considerable means and was a vestryman of Emanuel Protestant Episcopal Church of Port Conway. A widow and one son, R. V. Turner, survive him.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The Philadelphia police have just discovered that a man was found today in a third story room at 324 Calowhill street, with his head chopped off. His brother is said to be under arrest.

The Board of Managers of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company, has declared a dividend of 7 per cent. for 1904, payable out of this year's earnings, and payable in four quarterly instalments.

Aaron Wolf, who for a number of years conducted a large department store in Jersey City, N. J., was arrested this afternoon on a charge of conspiring to defraud wholesale and retail dealers in New York. Anticipating the appointment of a receiver, Wolf recently conveyed the store, stock, and his real estate holdings to relatives.

The marriage of Miss Caroline Green Mitchell to Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., took place at St. Bernard's Church, in New York, N. J., at noon today. The wedding guests were brought to New York on a special train. After a trip to the South, Mr. and Mrs. Stokes will return to Mr. Stokes' home in New Haven, where they will reside.

Going to a telephone, Frederick Lindstrom, for fourteen years a trusted employee and later cashier for Friend, Moss & Morris, wholesale woolen merchants, at Chicago, yesterday called up his employers and confessed that he was an embezzler. He said that he had stolen \$12,000 and that the money had been wagered on race horses.

Wm. H. Dowling, the agent of the Adams Express Company in Rock Hill, Conn., was found lying unconscious in the snow a few rods from his home this morning. He was half frozen and there was a large gash in his forehead and \$4.75 in money belonging to the Express Company when he left the house was missing.

Dashing over a burning bridge near Crookston, Minn., in a light locomotive at the risk of the lives of himself and his fireman, Engineer Greenough yesterday succeeded in warning the approaching limited of its danger and prevented the heavy train from being plunged into the Mouse river.

Professor Frances E. White, for many years prominent in Philadelphia medical circles, died yesterday in Jamaica Plain, Mass. She was a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, in which she later became a professor of physiology.

Charles Haggerty, one of the oldest members of the Mobile, Ala., police force, was shot and killed early this morning by a man whom he had under arrest. The murderer was shot and killed by a man whom he had under arrest. The murderer was shot and killed by a man whom he had under arrest.

Fireproof morning at Glassport, a suburb of McKeesport, Pa., destroyed the borough's only school building. It is reported that a party of tramps lodged in the frame addition last night and left general debris, so that shavings on the floor became ignited.

It is officially announced in New York that President Williams has resigned from the Seaboard Air Line and that Vice President Barr had been elected to succeed him.

Mrs. Mary Holmes Fuller, wife of Peter Fuller, of Palestine Bridge, near Amsterdam, N. Y., is dead from general debility. She was born in Connecticut 100 years ago.

August Russell, the self-confessed murderer of Theresa Keating, was declared insane today by a commission in Rochester, N. Y.

William J. Bryan was a passenger on the Celtic, which sailed from Liverpool for New York today.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

The Paris striking bakers this afternoon unanimously decided to call their strike off.

The Russian Minister of the Interior has decreed the punishment of two more Christian lawyers for representing the Jews at the Kisheneff trial. One has been banished to Siberia for five years, and the other suspended from practice for two years.

Prince Paul, nephew of King Peter, of Serbia, and thirty other children, all under ten years of age, will today give a theatrical and musical entertainment at the National Theatre, the funds going to aid the Macedonian sufferers.

The striking Paris bankers have been greatly excited today over the arrest of five of their leaders, including the secretary of the labor exchange. The men were taken into custody on a charge of fomenting disturbances.

John Thomas Browne, fourth Marquis of Sligo, died at his home at West Port Mar, England, today, at the age of 79. The Marquis never married. His heir is Henry Ulrick, a near relative.

The Pope has requested Cardinal Gotti to send him all the papers regarding the new bishop of Manchester, N. H., and Helena, Mont., before the propaganda meets again.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

## War Imminent.

Birmingham, Eng., Dec. 30.—The Post bears on high authority that Great Britain and France have instructed their ministers at Peking to obtain a definite statement as to China's attitude, in the event of war breaking out between Russia and Japan. The greatest importance, says the Post, is attached to the reply, though it is realized that the empress may not be able to enforce her policy on the provinces.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—The Post learns that Russia has informed England and France that she does not mean to accept any material point in the demands of Japan. The British foreign office, according to the Post, has up to the last few hours believed that a pacific settlement would result from the negotiations, but it is now understood that the officials regard the prospect as very grave.

Another piece of news of a serious character which has been received, says the paper, is that a Russian fleet is now on the Mediterranean on the way to the Far East. Japan has intimated to Russia that if she proceeds beyond the Suez canal the action will be regarded as an unfriendly one. The same paper, mentioning the newspaper preparations for the reporting of a war between Russia and Japan, adds: "Russian government officials have absolutely declined to allow any British correspondents to accompany either the army or the fleet. The Japanese government takes a more liberal view and all duly accredited correspondents will be allowed to go with their forces in the field."

Vienna, Dec. 30.—It is learned that the Russian war office has invited all the fifth year medical students to volunteer for service in the far east. Transports for the volunteer fleet are constantly leaving the Black sea ports with men and war material. Last week 2,000 men and fifty naval guns left for eastern ports.

London, Dec. 30.—The Central News today again maintains the accuracy of its reports that Japan has placed a time limit on Russia, and that the Mikado's government will not consider a Russian reply to her demands after January 10.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—It was announced this morning that the inauguration of proposed Russian volunteer fleet service between the Black sea ports and New York via Italy, had been indefinitely delayed. No explanation was given, but it is probable that the government is holding the ships which would be used in the service so to have them on hand should they be needed for transports.

London, Dec. 30.—The talk in semi-official quarters today is more pessimistic than at almost any time since the trouble between Russia and Japan regarding the Far East began.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Berlin press is extremely pessimistic. The Lokal Anzeiger, frequently inspired, in its utterances today announces that it has information from a diplomatic source that a declaration of war by Japan is regarded as inevitable. Other papers express a like belief. The Lokal Anzeiger also touches on the possibility of other nations, beside the two most interested, becoming involved. The paper says that a declaration of war would give rise to endless complications, and other powers such as England, France, America, having interests in the Far East, would of necessity be drawn into the imbroglio.

## Club House Burned.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The Troy Club was destroyed by a fire that was discovered at 1:40 o'clock this morning, and three prominent men who occupied apartments in the building, lost their lives. Flames and smoke were first discovered on the third floor of a building adjoining the club house and occupied as a boarding house by employees of the club, and every window in the upper portion of the boarding house was filled with shrieking men and women, who threatened to jump in their excitement. A ladder was hurriedly raised and one after another of those above were carried down in safety by the firemen, some already overcome. After the rescues had been made the firemen turned their attention more fully to the fire, and soon had it under control, when the bodies were discovered.

## Another Strike Imminent.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Albany livermen are facing a threatened strike of drivers. The union demands that their members shall drive only union made hacks. According to a prominent liverman there is but one concern in the United States, an Albany firm, which manufactures union made hacks. One liverman has had a new coach in his stable for six months, but has never used it, the union refusing to allow its men to drive it because it was purchased from a non-union manufacturer. At present livermen are not allowed to drive their own hacks. All orders for new years calls are being refused in consequence of present conditions.

## Money to Burn.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Scholl, mother of Jockey Ranch, carelessly burned up \$1,000 in bills, which was her son's Christmas present to her. Mrs. Scholl heard her door bell ring, and hastily placed the pocketbook containing the present, and \$3,500 entrusted to her by her son in the oven of a gas range. She returned and set about preparing for supper and forgot about the money in the oven until she smelled it burning. The greenbacks which Ranch had given her were so badly charred that it is doubtful if the sutreasury will redeem them. The other money was better protected and was only scorched.

## Giant Glass Trust Given Up.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—After months of work among window glass companies and manufacturers, aided with all the influence the workers' organizations could bring to bear upon them, the scheme to form the Manufacturers' Window Glass Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, and with absolute control of the product of at least 1,500 pots, was yesterday abandoned at a meeting held in this city. They had the assent of owners of only 1,300 pots. One effect of the failure to combine will be the nullification of the wage terms with the workers.

## Held for Ransom.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 30. The police department and relatives have as yet been unable to find any traces of Miss Ethel Revell, the young heiress to a fortune valued at \$6,000,000, and it is now the belief of the family in this city, that the young woman has been abducted and is being held against her will. She has been missing since last Wednesday afternoon, at which time she left the house of her aunt in the west end.

## Last Night's Fight.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Fight followers of this city are loud in their praise of Eddie Hanlon, the Western featherweight, who though beaten last night in sixteen rounds by Young Corbett, showed a gameness rarely before seen in the roped arena. It was the fastest and fairest fight ever seen pulled off on the coast, and each fighter is today loud in the laudations of the prowess of the other. Eddie Hanlon gave full praise to Corbett, whom he declares is the best featherweight that ever lived. Beyond a swollen face, Hanlon shows no signs of the terrible punishment he received. He held a midnight levee and indulged in much ice cream. A blow in the stomach, he said, lost him the battle. Corbett has signified his willingness to meet Britt at 129 lbs.

## Missing Woman.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 30.—The whereabouts of Mrs. Delana B. Curtis, who has sued the estate of the late Frank Jones, the Portsmouth millionaire, for \$400,000, is a mystery. The housekeeper at Mrs. Curtis's residence said today that her mistress has gone to New York and expected to sail at once for Europe. Diligent search, however, has failed to find any one who saw Mrs. Curtis at the railroad station, or in fact, outside of the house. No baggage was handled for her at the station but it is possible she may have driven to Concord or Nashua to take a train. Many believe, however, that she has not left the city.

## French Panama Canal Company.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The annual meeting of the French Panama Canal Company, held this afternoon, was the occasion of an uproarious tumult. The loudest interruption came when Secretary Lampre, in course of his report alluded to the strike for independence of the Panama republic. M. Lampre warned the stockholders against the danger of the company being repudiated by Colombia should they open negotiations with the new state. The meeting closed with a vote approving the company's action for the past year. The ballot was 230 yeas to 119 nays. M. Pinot, M. De Beaulieu and M. Baetel were re-elected commissioners for the company.

## Unsuccessful Gold Hunt.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 30.—W. B. Jones and C. C. Carpenter were returned from two years of unsuccessful gold hunting in Siberia as prospectors for the Northeast Siberian Company. Jones declares gold in paying quantities has not been found along the Siberian coast, but he believes thorough prospecting in the interior will bring results. He found the coast line of Siberia to be a formation of granite, with an occasional narrow belt of lime or slate, with absolutely no wash anywhere. Graphite exists in large bodies.

## Emperor Franz Josef Injured.

London, Dec. 30.—Dispatches received here this morning confirm the report that Emperor Franz Josef was painfully injured yesterday by falling. One of the first reports had it that his majesty had suffered a stroke of paralysis, but this is given little credence. The most authentic dispatches state that the Emperor fell down stairs while visiting his daughter. A dispatch from Vienna this morning says that the Emperor is much improved today and was able to arise at his usual hour.

## Death in the Pulpit.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 30.—With the final word of a funeral sermon on his lip, Harley H. Prophet, a Mormon elder dropped dead in the pulpit of the Utah meeting house Tuesday. Elder Prophet had just concluded a remarkable address extolling the life of Mrs. B. A. Watts, the woman whose body lay in a coffin before him. With the final words, "Surely the dead shall rise again," the priest turned toward his seat and sank to the floor dead.

## Movement of Ice Gorges.

Gallipolis, O., Dec. 30.—Heavy gorges in the Great Kanawha river which are in some places thirty feet high, moved this morning, but stopped again. Two hundred loaded coal barges and twelve steamboats in the mouth of the river are in great peril if a sudden rise comes. Three Pittsburgh towboats were caught in the ice fifteen miles below here with heavy tows of barges. The crews are doing everything possible for their safety.

## Seven Residences Destroyed.

New York, Dec. 30.—Fire which originated in the home of Jacob Kuhn, No. 44 Gillies avenue, North Bergen, N. J., this morning, destroyed seven residences and badly damaged five others before it was put out. Several persons were overcome by smoke and Kuhn was severely injured in rescuing his family. Most of the houses were occupied by two families. In all about 110 persons were made homeless by the fire.

## Unfounded Reports.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.—A prominent gentleman from St. Pierre, Miquelon, en route to France, states that reports of strong sentiment in the French island favoring annexation to the United States are absolutely unfounded. The people would much prefer union with Canada, but, on the whole, are content to remain as they are.

## Bill Defeated.

Havana, Dec. 30.—The Senate last night defeated the bill proposing a raise of 25 per cent. in the duties on American merchandise. The vote was 13 against the bill and 3 for the measure. It is probable that the House will take the same action.

## Train Wrecked.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 30.—The Twin Cities Limited on the Northern Pacific, eastbound, has been wrecked near Troy, this State. One report says sixteen persons were killed, and another said that a few passengers were hurt.

## A Timely Suggestion.

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